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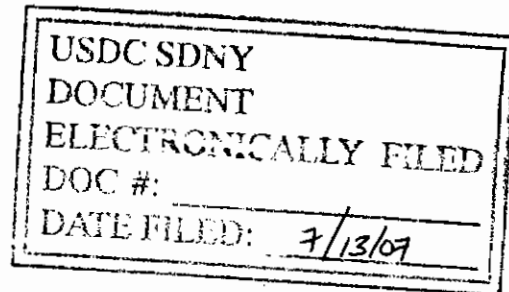
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**BY U.S. MAIL**

Honorable Denise L. Cote  
United States District Court  
Southern District Of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1040  
New York, NY 10007



**Re: Doreen Benson v. Lehman Brothers Inc.**  
**SDNY No. 04 Civ. 7323 (DLC)**

**MEMO ENDORSE**

Dear Judge Cote:

This firm represents Plaintiff in the above captioned action and we write to provide a further status report by July 13, 2007.

This firm substituted in as counsel for Plaintiff before this Court on December 11, 2006. I agree with counsel for defendant that the main issues in the arbitration since our appearance have been our efforts to obtain a complete file and also respond to defendant's on-going requests for information from Plaintiff.

For reasons that we would prefer to explain *in camera*, we found it necessary to withdraw from the arbitration proceedings. We respectfully request permission to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff in this matter. We will submit the affidavits required by Local Civil Rule 1.4, but request permission to do so *in camera*.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Ottinger".

Robert Ottinger

Granted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Cote".  
July 13, 2007

Cc: Steven M. Knecht  
Doreen Benson